STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 1985

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April, 1986

To Her Honour
The Honourable Helen Hunley
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta

Your Honour:

I have the privilege to transmit the Annual Report of the Students Finance Board for the period from April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985.

I remain your obedient servant

Dick Johnston
Minister of Advanced Education

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REPORT OF THE STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 1985.

The Students Finance Board, which is comprised of nine public members and two student representatives, is appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education. The Board is charged with the responsibility of administering Alberta's student aid programs, including the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, and acts in an advisory capacity to the Minister of Advanced Education on matters relating to student financial assistance.

In July, 1984, Mr. Mark D. Tims was appointed Chairman of the Students Finance Board following the retirement of Mr. Roman Wiznura who had served as Chairman since June, 1978.

During this reporting period, the number of students assisted by the Students Finance Board continued to increase. Under the Board's need-based programs 45 116 students received assistance amounting to $173 804 571 in 1984/85. During the previous reporting period 37 247 students received assistance amounting to $146 337 214.

Under the Alberta Heritage Scholarship program 5 900 scholarship recipients received awards totalling $8 233 686.

In May of 1984, with the approval of Bill 1, the Students Loan Guarantee Amendment Act, the outstanding principal liability of the province in section 9(2) of the Students Loan Guarantee Act was increased from $100 000 000 to $150 000 000.

With the approval of amendments to the Students Finance Regulations, during 1984/85 provision was made for:

-the establishment of the Pope John Paul II Commemorative Scholarship program whereby a maximum of two undergraduate students and four graduate students may be awarded scholarships of $5 000 and $10 000 respectively to facilitate the pursuit of native studies, international studies with respect to third world countries, or ecumenical studies;

-the establishment of special incentive bursaries under the Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary program whereby, in circumstances where either the field of study or the remote location makes recruitment difficult, bursaries of $7 000 may be awarded to single students and bursaries of $12 000 may be awarded to married students;

-an increase from $5 600 to $6 000 in the maximum value of the Northern Alberta Development Council Bursaries that may be awarded in an academic year to married students, and

-the expansion of the eligibility criteria for the Teachers of the Disabled Grants program to include graduate students studying the teaching of individuals with learning disabilities and the teaching of trainable mentally handicapped individuals.

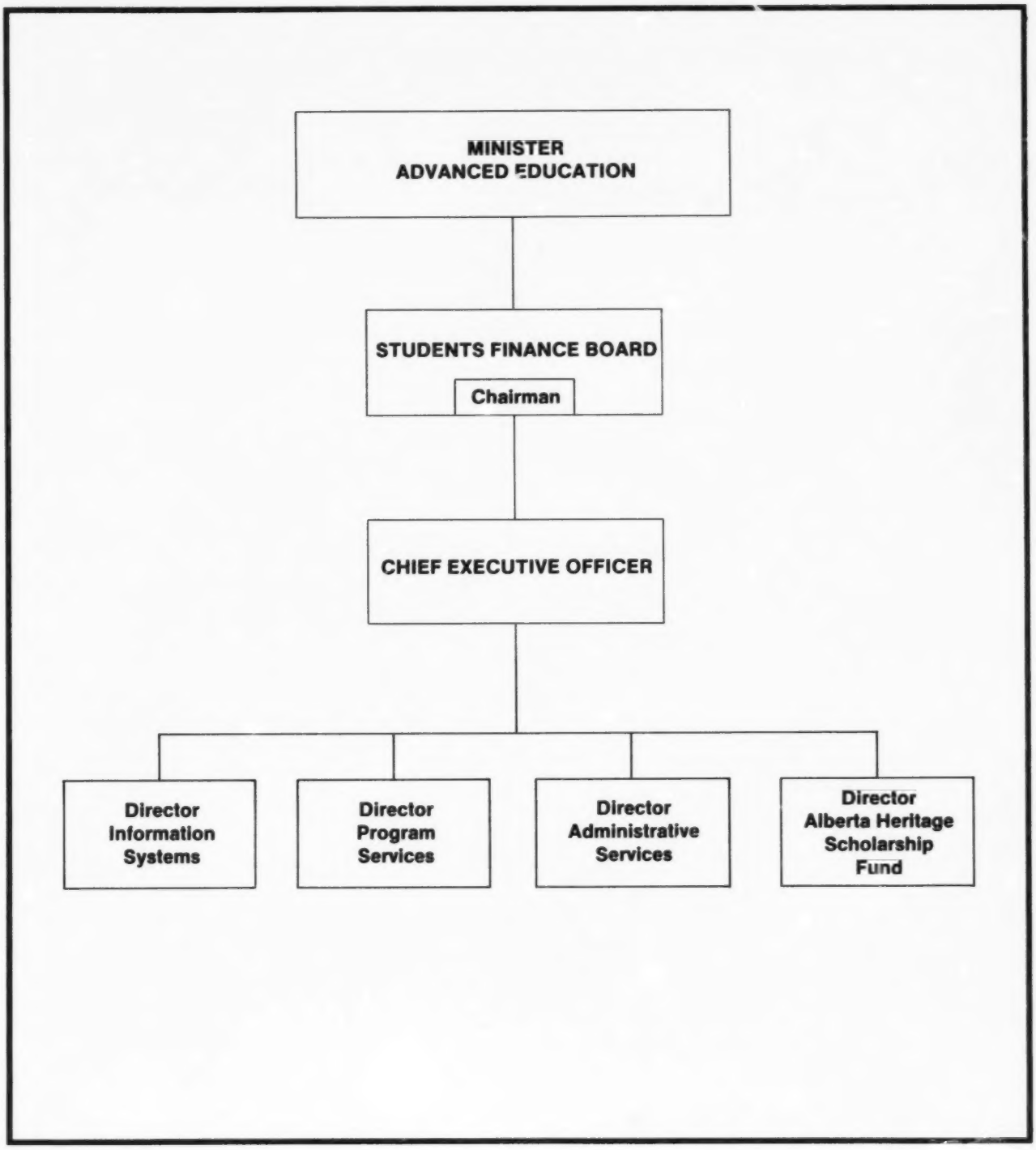
In May and November the Students Finance Board met with student representatives and student awards personnel from across the province. These meetings provide the opportunity for the discussion of issues relating to student financial aid which are of common concern.

The Students Finance Board would like to express appreciation to those Albertans who have served on the various committees of the Board throughout the 1984/85 year.

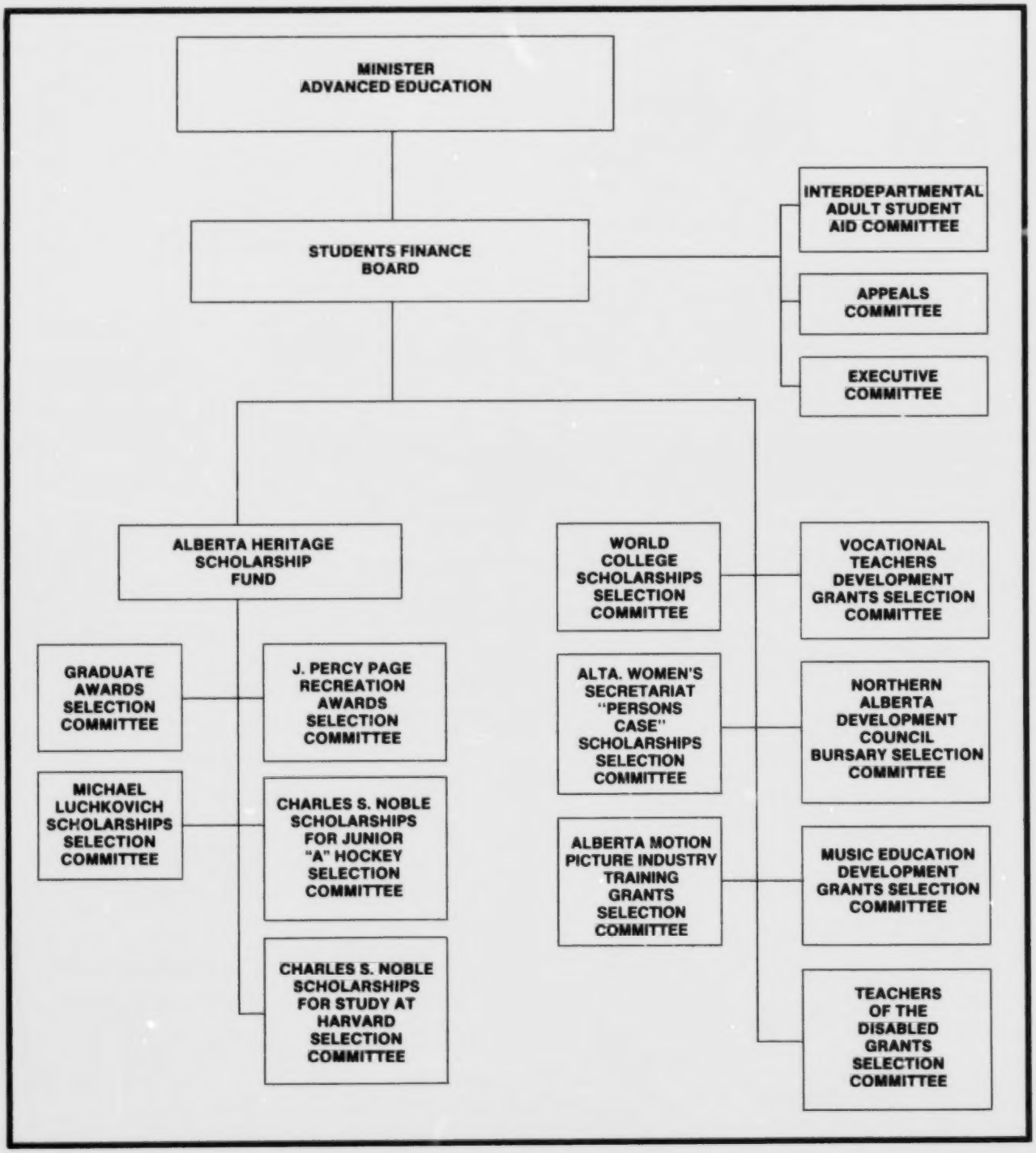
Respectfully submitted,

K. Cusveller
P. Ducharme
T. Haberman
W. Hunchak
D. O'Leary
N. Saskiw
J. Smith
L. Steinmann
R. Tchir
M. Tims, Chairman

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
Organization Chart
1 April 1985



STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD
Committees
1 April 1985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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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GRADUATE AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
J. PERCY PAGE RECREATION AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
MICHAEL LUCHKOVICH SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION COMMITTEE
CHARLES S. NOBLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIOR "A" HOCKEY SELECTION COMMITTEE
CHARLES S. NOBLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY AT HARVARD SELECTION COMMITTEE
WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION COMMITTEE
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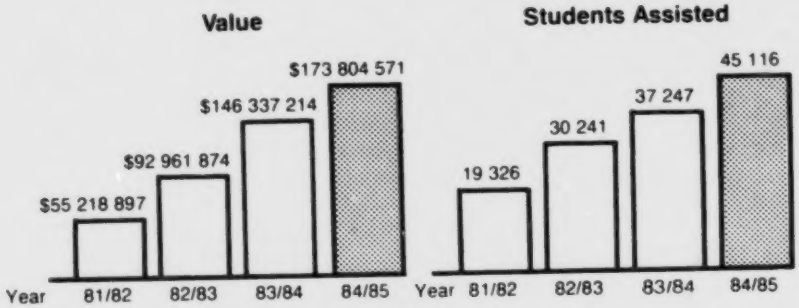
ALBERTA MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY TRAINING GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
VOCATIONAL TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BURSARY SELECTION COMMITTEE
MUSIC EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
TEACHERS OF THE DISABLED GRANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE

NEED-BASED ACTIVITIES — HIGHLIGHTS

1. Summary of Total Need-Based Assistance 1982-1985



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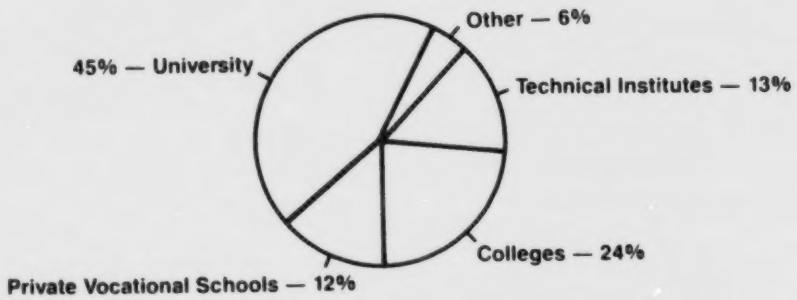

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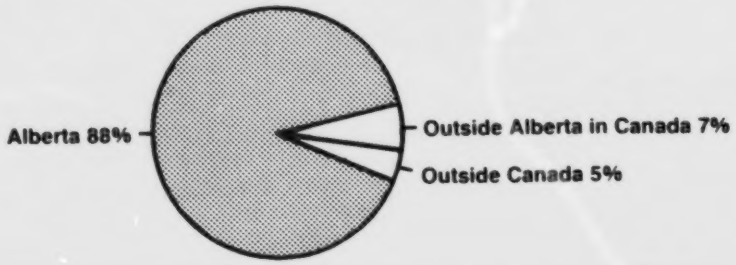


SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

	1984	1985
Grants and bursaries	$30 581 227	$36 965 962
Remission payments	8 633 467	23 617 405
Interest payments on guaranteed loans	8 131 585	7 861 723
Implementation of guarantees	4 015 999	4 538 770
Fellowships and scholarships	1 361 111	1 602 881
Administration expenses	3 864 300	3 939 052
Total	$56 587 689	$78 525 793

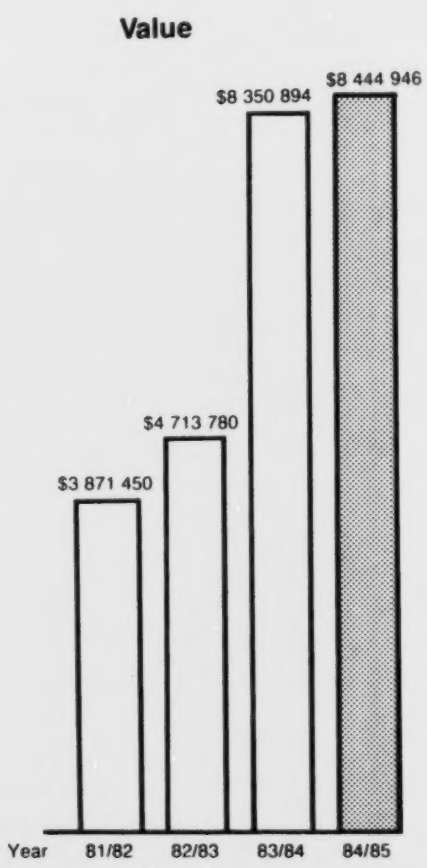
NEED-BASED AWARDS

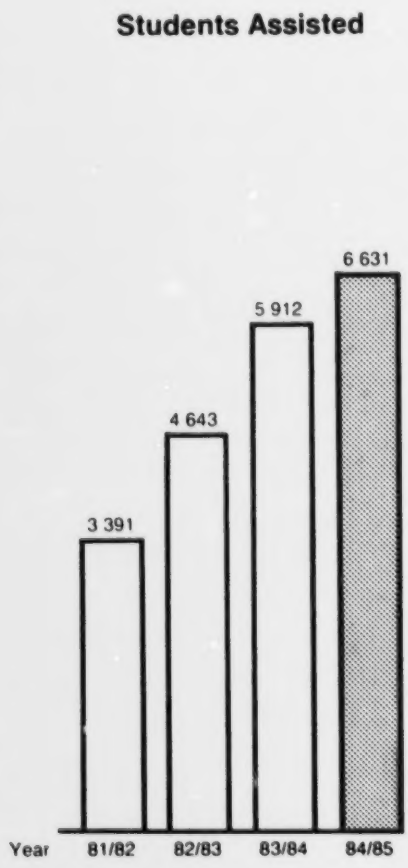
Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grant Assistance 1982-1985

Value: up to $2 000 per academic year

These grants may be provided to help offset the additional costs incurred by dependent students whose programs of study are not available within normal commuting distance of their parents' homes. To be eligible for these grants, students must demonstrate financial need.

There were 6 631 students assisted under this program in 1984-85, amounting to a total expenditure of $8 444 946.



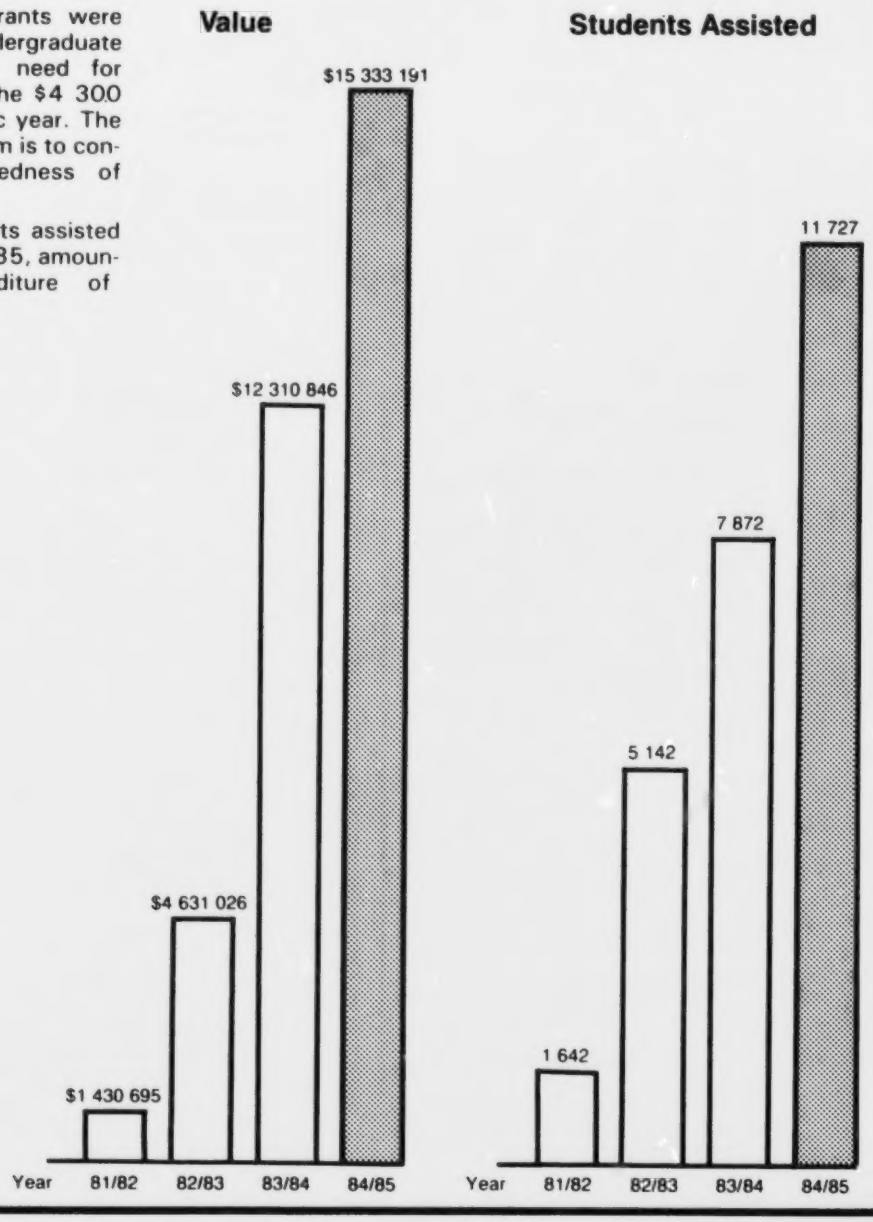


Supplemental Assistance Grant Assistance 1982-1985

Value: up to $2 500 per academic year

Supplemental assistance grants were established to aid those undergraduate students demonstrating a need for assistance which exceeds the $4 300 loan maximum per academic year. The purpose of this grant program is to control the level of indebtedness of students upon graduation.

There were 11 727 students assisted under this program in 1984-85, amounting to a total expenditure of $15 333 191.

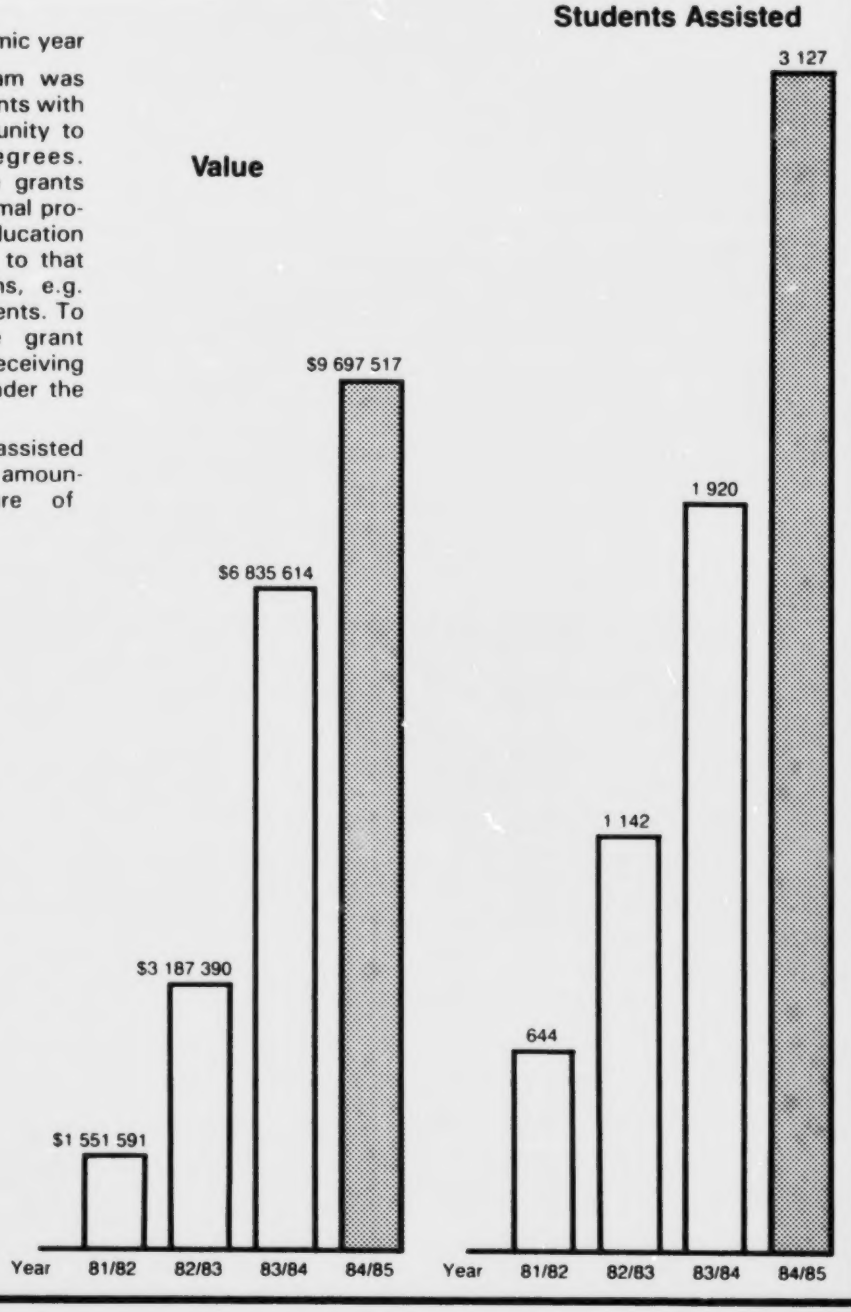


Maintenance Grant Assistance 1982-1985

Value: up to $6 000 per academic year

The maintenance grant program was established to ensure that students with special needs have the opportunity to acquire undergraduate degrees. Students considered for these grants are those who do not have normal prospects of completing their education without assistance in addition to that provided under other programs, e.g. disabled persons and single parents. To be eligible for maintenance grant assistance, a student must be receiving a minimum loan of $1 000 under the Guaranteed Loans program.

There were 3 127 students assisted under this program in 1984-85, amounting to a total expenditure of $9 697 517.

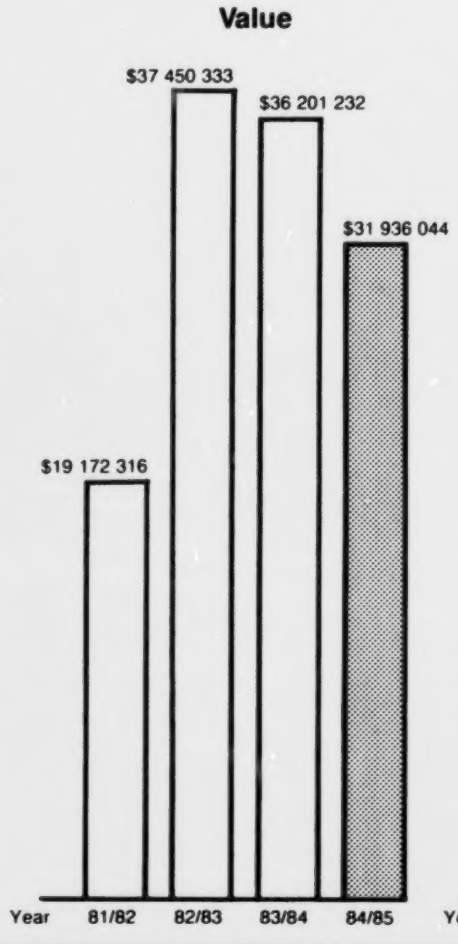


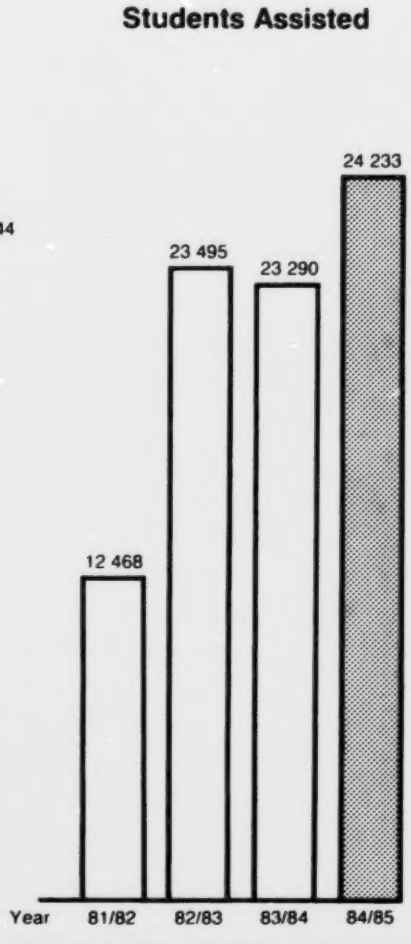
Provincial Guaranteed Student Loan Assistance
1982-1985

This program was implemented by the Province in 1969 to supplement the assistance available to Alberta students under the Canada Student Loans Program.

The interest on these loans is paid by the Province while the individual is attending a post-secondary institution, and for six months after he or she ceases to be a full-time student. At that time, the individual assumes responsibility for principal and interest payments.

There were 24 233 students assisted under this program in 1984-85, amounting to a total expenditure of $31 936 044.



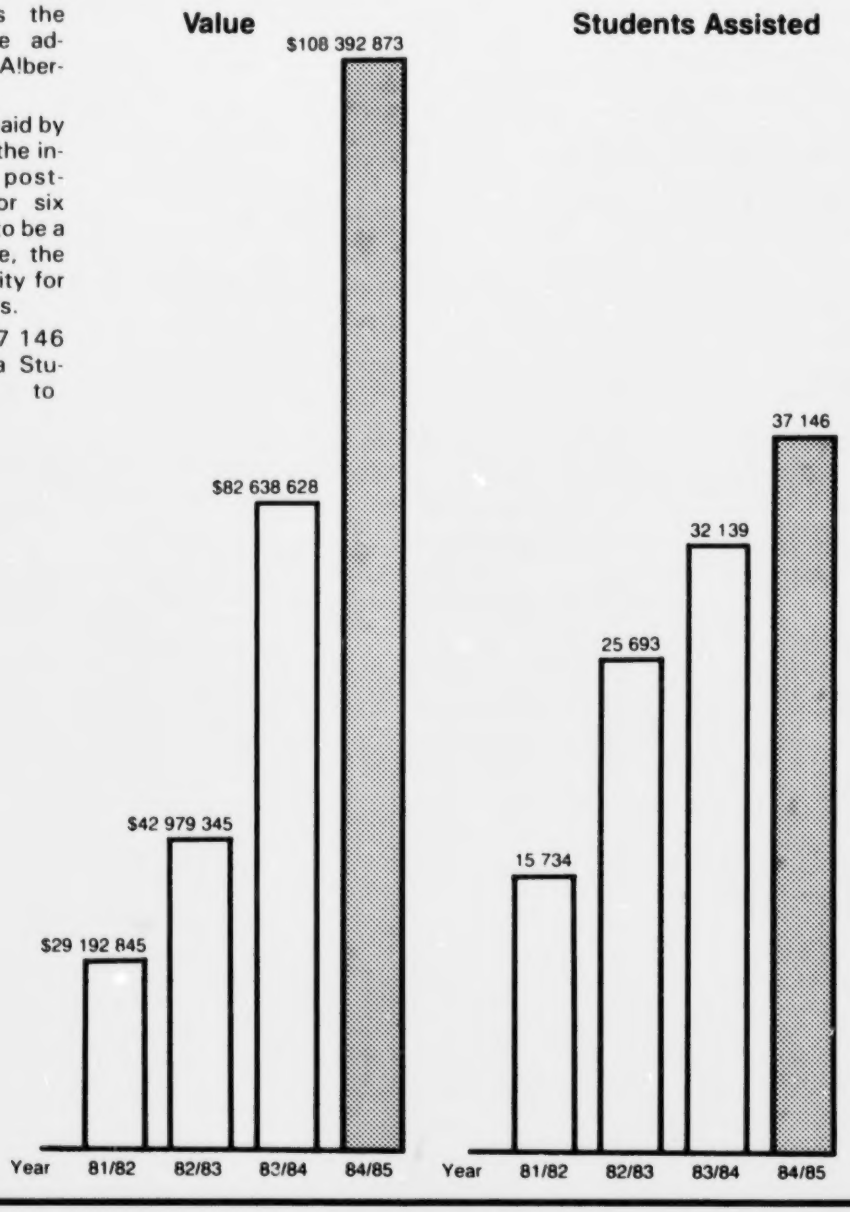


Canada Student Loan Assistance 1982-1985

The Canada Student Loans Program was established in 1964. The Students Finance Board is the designated authority for the administration of these loans in Alberta.

The interest on these loans is paid by the federal government while the individual is attending a post-secondary institution, and for six months after he or she ceases to be a full-time student. At that time, the individual assumes responsibility for principal and interest payments.

In 1984-85, a total of 37 146 students were issued Canada Student Loans amounting to $108 392 873.



REMISSION PROGRAM

The remission program was implemented by the Province in 1971. Remission is that portion of a student's loan which may be repaid by the Province of Alberta on the student's behalf when he or she has ceased to be a full-time student.

Students qualify for remission if the following conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Students Finance Board:

- savings were adequate in relation to earnings;

- a reasonable contribution has been made by parents, spouse or sponsor;

- full-time enrollment was maintained during the period for which assistance was provided;

- the initial arrangements for repayment of student loans have been made i.e. loans have been consolidated.

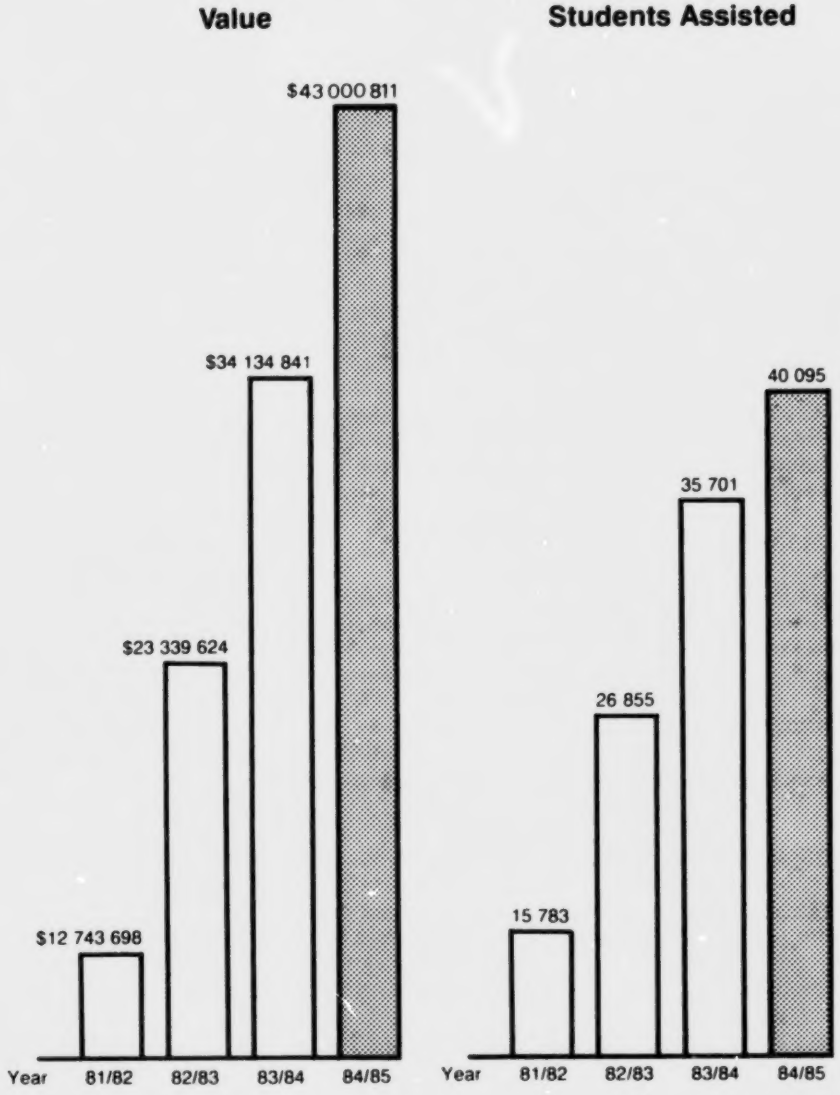
Generally, the province repays 50 per cent of all funds borrowed during the first year of study, 40 per cent of all funds borrowed during the second year and 25 per cent of all funds borrowed in subsequent years of study.

Applications for loan remission are available at credit institutions in Alberta and are submitted to the Students Finance Board after consolidation of the student loans.

Remission payments are sent directly to the lending institution and applied to the student's outstanding loan obligations. In this manner, during 1984-85, 16 168 students received remission benefits which amounted to $23 617 405.

In 1984-85, 40 095 students were awarded remission amounting to $43 000 811 which will be issued upon graduation.

Summary of Remission Awarded 1982-1985



SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, BURSARIES, GRANTS, AND PRIZES

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to undergraduate students who have achieved an average of not less than 80 per cent.
Value: $150

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA PRIZES

Awarded to students registered in diploma or certificate programs at public colleges or institutes of technology.
Value: $150

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are registered as full-time students in graduate studies at the University of Alberta or the University of Calgary.
Value: Scholarships: $8 100 Fellowships: $9 300

UNITED WORLD COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to selected Alberta students who have completed grade 11. These scholarships provide two years of study at United World Colleges located in Canada, Wales, the U.S.A., Singapore, Swaziland and Italy. Eight new scholarships are awarded each year.

Two of these scholarships were established in 1983 to commemorate the visit to Alberta of His Royal Highness Prince Charles, who is President of the International Council of the United World Colleges.
Value: The cost of tuition, room and board, and one round trip between the student's home and the United World College per year.

BANFF CENTRE BURSARIES

Awarded to students enrolled in visual and performing arts programs at the Banff Centre for Continuing Education. These bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need and past achievement in the subject matter being studied.
Value: cost of tuition

HIGH SCHOOL BURSARIES

Awarded to junior and senior high school students on the basis of need.
Value: Up to $300

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

Awarded to adult high school students according to need and in conjunction with student loan assistance.
Value: Up to $600

EDUCATION OF SERVICEMEN'S CHILDREN BURSARIES

Awarded to the children of disabled war veterans in order to assist them in meeting their educational costs in grades 9 to 12 inclusive.
Value: Up to $300

PART-TIME BURSARIES

Awarded to students on the basis of need in order to cover the cost of tuition, books and materials, transportation, and child care costs.
Value: $300 per academic term

GRANTS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Grants are provided to students who are physically or mentally disabled and who, in the opinion of the Board, require extraordinary assistance not available through other programs.
Value: Up to $1 000 per semester

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students upon the recommendation of the Minister of Advanced Education or his delegate.
Value: Maximum of $8 000 per year plus tuition, books, and transportation costs. A $1 000 research allowance may be issued once during the course of the student's program.

HIGH SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Awarded primarily to high school students who become ineligible for social assistance benefits because they have reached eighteen years of age.
Value: Up to $5 000

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIPS IN CANADIAN STUDIES

Awarded to students in the final year of an undergraduate degree program which focuses primarily or uniquely on aspects of Canadian culture or problems significant to Canada.
Value: $1 000

ALBERTA MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY TRAINING GRANTS

Awarded to

a) individuals already established within the motion picture industry who wish to further develop their skills by attending short courses or seminars, and

b) individuals who have achieved advanced status within the industry who wish to pursue further formal training.
Value: a) Up to $5 000 b) Up to $13 000

RETURN-SERVICE PROGRAMS

VOCATIONAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

A return-service program provided to students in the vocational teacher certification program who intend to be employed by a school board in Alberta upon graduation.
Value: Up to $22 000 per academic year

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BURSARIES

A return-service program provided, primarily, to students raised in northern Alberta who will be employed in northern Alberta on completion of their studies.
Value: Up to $3 500 if single
Up to $6 000 if married

In circumstances where either the field of study or the remote location makes recruitment difficult, special incentive bursaries may be provided under this program.
Value: Up to $7 000 if single
Up to $12 000 if married

TEACHERS OF THE DISABLED GRANTS

A return-service program provided to students enrolled in full-time graduate programs in areas related to the teaching of disabled persons.
Value: Up to $10 000

SUMMARY OF TOTAL AWARDS

	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85
Alberta Educational Opportunity Equalization Grants	$4 713 780	$8 350 894	$8 444 946
Supplemental Assistance Grants	4 631 026	12 310 846	15 333 191
Maintenance Grants	3 187 390	6 835 614	9 697 517
Guaranteed Provincial Loans	37 450 333	36 201 232	31 936 044
Canada Student Loans	42 979 345	82 638 628	108 392 873
Remission Awards	23 339 624	34 134 841	43 000 811
United World College Scholarships	80 196	145 283	179 584
Province of Alberta Scholarships	197 700	176 700	169 650
Province of Alberta Prizes	149 400	136 650	189 000
Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships	626 830	833 495	969 933
Banff Centre Bursaries	14 790	20 340	21 225
High School Bursaries	88 050	105 391	146 066
Adult High School Grants	9 885	13 725	—
Education of Servicemen's Children Bursaries	2 927	5 644	3 380
Part-time Bursaries	125 237	263 873	420 843
Grants for Disabled Persons	16 490	23 355	36 880
Government of Alberta Scholarships	77 783	52 983	75 715
High School Maintenance Grants	1 034 644	1 582 342	1 947 724
Queen Elizabeth Scholarships in Canadian Studies	19 000	16 000	19 000
Alberta Motion Picture Industry Training Grants	12 142	22 227	18 622
Sundry Awards	29 600	63 568	85 521
Vocational Teacher Development Grants	900 270	308 000	182 850
Northern Development Council Bursaries	571 664	596 454	563 150
Teachers of the Disabled Grants	115 111	78 954	64 046
TOTAL	$ 120 373 217	$ 184 917 039	$ 221 898 571

APPENDIX 1
GUARANTEED PROVINCIAL LOANS

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85
O/S Loans — Students in School	$49 463 994	$62 447 678	$65 933 042
— Graduates	16 891 300	22 804 960	25 419 525
	$66 355 294	$85 252 638	$91 352 567
Loans Issued	$37 450 333	$36 201 232	$31 936 044
No. of Certificates Negotiated Through Credit Institutions	35 576	34 122	28 536
Interest Paid to Banks	$ 5 655 414	$ 8 131 585	$ 7 861 723
Bank Claims Paid	$ 1 447 610	$ 4 015 999	$ 4 538 770

APPENDIX 2
APPEALS ACTIVITY

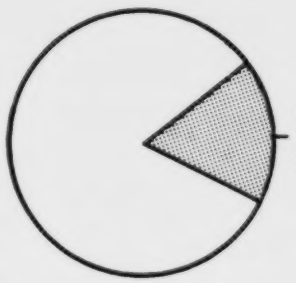
A student may initiate an appeal by writing a letter of explanation to the Students Finance Board. Subsequently, a counsellor will review the situation and may adjust the award within prescribed limits.

Appeals not resolved by this process are submitted, upon the student's request, to the Appeals Committees which meet in Edmonton and Calgary. Appointed by the Minister of Advanced Education, these Committees are comprised of members of the public and student representatives. Students are encouraged to attend these meetings.

1984-1985 Appeals Activity

Total Number of Applications
45 116

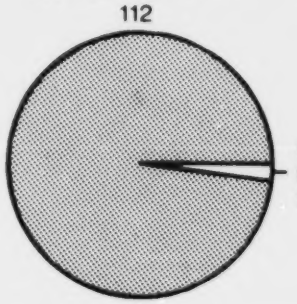
Total Number of Appeals
8 821



Total Number of Appeals
8 821

Number of Appeals Resolved by Counsellors
8 281

Number of Appeals Referred to the Appeals Committees
112



APPENDIX 3

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 31, 1985

Auditor's Report

Balance Sheet

Notes to the Financial Statement

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Students Finance Board

I have examined the balance sheet of the Students Finance Board as at March 31, 1985. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, this financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 1985 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

F.C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
October 11, 1985

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1985

	1985	1984
ASSETS		
Cash	$300	$300
LIABILITIES		
Due to the General Revenue Fund	$300	$300

The accompanying notes are part of this financial statement.

STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH 31, 1985

Note 1 Authority

The Board operates under the authority of the Students Finance Act, Chapter S-24, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980, and carries out the following activities on behalf of the Province of Alberta:

(i) Issue of certificates of eligibility for loans to be guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act and the Canada Student Loans Act. Fees are earned for administering Canada Student Loans Act certificates and are credited to the General Revenue Fund as revenue of the Department of Advanced Education.

(ii) Authorization of the following types of expenditures, paid by the Department of Advanced Education from funds appropriated by the Legislature:

(a) Grants, bursaries, fellowships and scholarships.
(b) Partial loan repayments on behalf of students.
(c) Interest on student loans guaranteed pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(d) Implementation of guarantees pursuant to the Students Loan Guarantee Act.
(e) Administration expenses in connection with all of the activities of the Board other than the costs of accommodation and basic office equipment forming part of the general administration costs of the Department of Advanced Education.

(iii) Authorization of scholarships paid from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

Note 2 Approval of Financial Statement

This financial statement has been approved by management.